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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION ISSUE

: REYKJAVIK 579

1. A WELL INFORMED SOURCE ON PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PP) MATTERS ADVISED DCM TODAY THAT AT YESTERDAY' S PARTY CAUCUS THE FOLLOWING POSITION WAS TAKEN FOR DISCUSSION AT CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 29:

A. ICELAND WILL PROVOKE AN INCIDENT ON FISHING BANKS MAY 29;

B. WITH THIS AS BACKDROP, GOI WILL ISSUE CALL MAY 30 FOR ACTION
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BY NAC AND UN SECURITY COUNCIL;

C. AT SAME TIME GOI WILL INVOKE ARTICLE V11 OF US DEFENSE AGREEMENT;

D. GOI WILL WATCH CLOSELY WHAT ROLE USG WILL PLAY IN FORCING BRITISH NAVAL VESSELS TO WITHDRAW;

E. IF NO SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS WITH REGARD TO BRITISH NAVAL VESSELS REACHED WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND IF USG DID NOT PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE HELPFUL TO ICELAND, GOI WILL THEN WITHDRAW ITS AMBASSADOR FROM NATO AND TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ACTIVITY THERE. WITHDRAWAL OF ICELAND FROM NATO COULD FOLLOW.

2. COMMENT: SINCE PP CONTROLS THREE OF SEVEN PORTFOLIOS IN THE CABINET AND THE COMMUNISTS TWO, PROGRESSIVES CAN PROBABLY GET THESE PROPOSALS ACCEPTED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. UNTIL NOW, WE HAD BEEN TOLD GOI DID NOT INTEND TO INVOKE ART V11 BEFORE MID - JUNE. IF THEY PURSUE THIS ACTION, THEY WILL BE INVOKING IT ON DATE OF PRESIDENT NIXON' S ARRIVAL AND WILL MOST ASSUREDLY EXPECT PRESIDENT NIXON TO REACT IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIMIN AND FONMIN THAT EVENING. IRVING

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